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Handbook of Admiralty Law—By Robert M. Hughes, M.A., LL.D. of the Norfolk (Va.) Bar. Second Edition. St. Paul, Minn. West Publishing Co. 1920.

Anything which comes from the pen of our friend Robert M. Hughes must always be received with interest and pleasure by the members of the Virginia Bar; but this excellent book has a reach much further than Virginia. Wherever there is admiralty practice this book must prove of the greatest value. That a second edition has become necessary speaks more than any review could speak, but the fact that a great many changes have taken place in admiralty law since the first edition, both by statute and judicial decision, renders this edition necessary. The value of the present book is that Mr. Hughes has not made this a text book, as the first edition was primarily intended to be, but has had his eye upon the general practitioner as much as upon the student, and the book is therefore of double value. Much unnecessary matter has been eliminated from the present volume and we do not believe that in small compass a more valuable treatise on the subject can be found.

Annotated Rules of Practice in The United States Patent Office—By E. J. Stoddard, of the Detroit Bar. Detroit. Fred S. Drake. 1920.

We have been very much pleased with the arrangement of this book, which both in manner and matter seems to us to be of great value to any attorney practicing before the United State Patent Office. Probably in no office in the world is practice quite as unique as in the United States Patent Office, and this book, containing all the rules of practice as laid down by the Department and in numerous decisions, together with the admirable forms at the conclusion, seems to us to be just the book that the patent lawyer would need.